

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 2 are herein amended.
No new matter has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Kajiwara '972** (US 5,369,972) in view of **Kajiwara '033** (US 5,256,033) as evidenced by **Kajiwara '403** (US 5,318,403); and claims 3 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Kajiwara '972** in view of **Kajiwara '033** as evidenced by **Kajiwara '403**.

Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended as suggested in the Advisory Action dated July 28, 2009. Support for the amendment is in the specification at, *e.g.*, page 5, line 17 to page 6, line 10 and Fig. 2. As acknowledged in the Advisory Action (continuation sheet, No. 6), the structural limitations added in the amendment to claims 1 and 2 distinguish the present invention over the prior art of Kajiwara '972, '033, '403, Lovisetto (EP 0055426) and Chien (US 6,439,835).

For at least the foregoing reasons claims 1-6 are patentable over the cited references. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-6 is hereby solicited.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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